

Forsyth County manager quits

No reason given, in middle of meeting

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Forsyth County Manager Jeff Quesenberry abruptly resigned Friday afternoon, becoming the third top Forsyth County official to leave in two years.

Quesenberry did not say why he was resigning, said Commission Chairman Jack Conway.

Quesenberry was en route to a meeting in Savannah, Con-

way said, when he was called back to be briefed on the results of a meeting between Conway and Cumming Mayor H. Ford Gravatt. The meeting was about water issues and better ways for the two governments to cooperate.

At the meeting in which he was to be briefed by Conway, Quesenberry abruptly resigned about 4 p.m. without giving a reason, Conway said.

"Instead of the briefing he started talking about his leaving. He gave us his keys and his cellphone and he left," Conway said.

"I talk to him every day. He seemed like regular old Jeff," Conway said. "We're all kind of shocked. He seemed a little upset."

In May 2004, County Administrator Stevie Mills resigned, and Quesenberry, who had come to the county earlier that year as chief financial officer, stepped in.

In November 2004, the county hired David Armstrong of DeSoto County, Miss., to be manager. But after only four months, the commission abruptly fired him in March 2005.



Jeff Quesenberry was first hired by Forsyth County as chief financial officer in 2004.

Quesenberry again temporarily assumed the top post. Commissioners then decided to give it to him permanently.

"He did a lot of good things for the county. He was very innovative," said Conway, who is nearing the end of his first four-year term as County Commission chairman.

Quesenberry could not be reached for comment.